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November 19, 1999

Mr. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Docket No. ~~97-01292~~

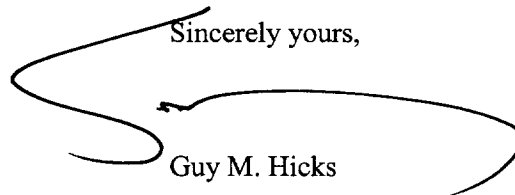
Dear Mr. Waddell:

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Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and thirteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. The Amendment amends Section 1.1 of Attachment 1 of the Interconnection Agreement to provide that Internet Service Provider (ISP) traffic will not be treated as local traffic until the FCC determines whether or not ISP traffic is within the definition of Local Traffic.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Deborah O. Heritage, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Southwestern Bell and BellSouth state the following:

1. Southwestern Bell and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Southwestern Bell. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on September 23, 1997.

2. The parties have negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement amending Section 1.1 of Attachment 1 of the Interconnection Agreement to provide that Internet Service Provider (ISP) traffic will not be treated as local traffic until the FCC determines whether or not ISP traffic is within the definition of Local Traffic. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Southwestern Bell and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and Southwestern Bell within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. Southwestern Bell and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

Southwestern Bell and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 22 day of Nov, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

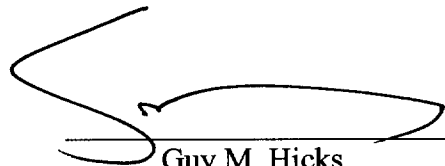
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 24th day of Nov., 1999:

Deborah O. Heritage
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1111 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203



Guy M. Hicks

ADDENDUM-A

Effective: February 15, 1999

Attached to and made an integral part of the
Interconnection Agreement
Effective June 23, 1997

between

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
a GEORGIA CORPORATION

and

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
a MISSOURI CORPORATION

This Addendum modifies the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dated June 23 1997. Except as specifically modified by this Addendum, all provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Add to Attachment 1, section 1.1, a second paragraph.

The Parties agree that until the FCC determines, in a final and non-appealable Order, whether Internet Service Provider (ISP) traffic is within the definition of Local Traffic, ISP traffic will not be treated as local traffic and will therefore be excluded from any Local EAS compensation.

In witness whereof, the parties have duly executed this Addendum on the 25th day of FEBRUARY, 1999

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC.

Date: 2/23/99

By: [Signature]

Title: Director

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Date: 2-4-99

By: [Signature]

Title: Executive Director-Regulatory and Industry Rels.